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The Game Law a Nuisance.

To Editor of Leader: The game license law has become a public nuisance already, as it is now constructed. It makes it so that protection for prairie chicken and quail is utterly of no avail. No game license should be issued that did not strictly name and locate the property upon which the hunter was to hunt and also the owner's personal permit included and signed, before a notary public or justice. In case then, if the holders of hunters' licenses should hunt or trespass on property not named and situated in their respective licenses, their licenses could be revoked and even their hunting outfit be confiscated and destroyed by proper officers of the law. When any such hunters have been found guilty of exceeding the limitations allowed and specifically named in their respective licenses they should not be deemed safe parties to be licensed by the officers of the law to enter or hunt upon the property of law abiding people.

As the game is to live and increase and be perpetuated and even protected upon the farms of the country, and the farmers are to be holden as the prime guardians of the game—and as fully nine-tenths of the farmers do constitute the prime guardians of the game, it is no more than right and just that the game laws should be so constructed as to give them the greatest legal privileges possible to favorably harbor any useful game upon their premises, and to privilege only such hunters upon their premises as they may make affidavits to before legal officers who fill out the licenses for the hunters. In this manner of legal procedure the game would have a chance to increase and the farmers would have a limit-law that would stop the wholesale destruction of such game by hunters who have no regard for law. That there is any game on the farms at all shows full well that the farmers have been the protectors of such game, else there would be none. It would be an easy matter for a farmer to take a gun and kill all of a flock of quails that has been hatched and grown upon his own premises. But he wants to save them, and would save them if it were not for the hunter who has a license to "hunt rabbits." If the game law licenses were rightfully issued by the farmers to hunters and half of the fees were to be paid into the county treasury, there would be more game for all, better protection of the game, less trespassing, etc. The farmers in general do not desire hunters shooting game among their stock in the fields. The English sparrow law was a nuisance to town people. So the game law is a nuisance to the farmers.

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